

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2008, which set a three-month period for response, making a response due by November 14, 2008.

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 29 06 123.

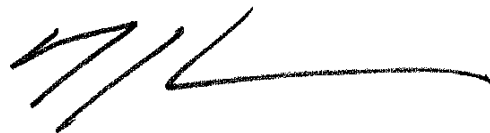
The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1 and 3-10.

In the present amendment, claim 11 has been rewritten as a dependent claim which depends from claim 1. Claim 11 now includes all of the features of allowed claim 1 and recites only the further feature that "*the dust filter (20) and exhaust opening (18) are situated one above the other on top of the dust-collecting chamber (17)*".

Amended claim 11, by its dependency on allowed claim 1, is therefore allowable.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to resolve any further issues in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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